

Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, alleluia!
our salvation have procured; alleluia!
now above the sky He's King, alleluia!
where the angels ever sing: alleluia!

Response

All our problems
we send to the cross of Christ

All our difficulties
we send to the cross of Christ

All our hopes
we set on the risen Christ

Blessing

God, Who through the resurrection of our Lord
Jesus Christ has given us the victory,
give us His joy and peace.



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Easter

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reflection

There seems to be so much trouble in the world around us with wars, destruction and corruption; sometimes it seems as if evil is winning. I wonder how the disciples felt on Good Friday, as they saw Jesus crucified, dead and buried. It must have seemed that all was lost, and that following Jesus had been in vain. Yet we know that on the third day, the tomb was empty – Jesus had risen and appeared to His disciples. His resurrection is what gives us hope, for now and eternity. So, let us give thanks and praise for all that Jesus has done, remembering the great cost of our salvation.

Some verses from an Easter Hymn

Man of sorrows, what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim
Hallelujah! What a Saviour.

Lifted up was He to die
"It is finished!" was His cry
Now in Heaven lifted high
Hallelujah! What a Saviour.

When He comes, our Glorious King
All his ransomed home to bring
Then anew this song we'll sing
Hallelujah! What a Saviour.

The events of the Easter weekend, with Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion were not a tragic accident. This was all part of God's eternal plan of salvation for us. Jesus had set his face to go to Jerusalem (Luke 9:51) knowing that this would lead to the cross, but then rising again on the third day. **Alleluia**

Bible Reading

Luke 24:1-5

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead?' ⁶ He is not here; He has risen!

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See, what a morning, gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem
Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light
As the Angels announce, "Christ is risen."

See God's salvation plan
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead.

And we are raised with Him
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered
And we shall reign with Him
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead.

Bible Readings

Romans 8:11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit who lives in you.

2 Corinthians 4:14

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to Himself.

Prayers

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of Your son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in Him:
grant that we being dead to sin
and alive to You in Jesus Christ
may reign with Him in glory
to Whom with You and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

Heavenly Father, we praise You for the triumph of Your Son, Jesus Christ, over sin and death. May our lives reflect His victory, and may we bring glory to Your name in all we do. **Amen.**